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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENT(S):

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
3,079,346	Jackson	Feb 26, 1963
3,634,278	Wolverton	Jan 11, 1972

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S):

<u>Country</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
Germany	DD 299 458	Apr 23, 1992
International	93/10196	May 27, 1993
Germany	DD 301 726	Aug 19, 1993

The references listed above were cited by the International Examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of counterpart international patent application no. PCT/EP02/01095 (MPEP \$2001.06(a)). DD 299 458 was also cited in the International Preliminary Examination.

**OTHER FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S) :**

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Germany	199 03 986	Aug 10, 2000
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**OTHER PUBLICATION(S) :**

Autorenkrollektiv, Lehrbuch der Militärchemie, Band 2, Militärverlag der DDR, Berlin, 1977, S. 135-139, 143-154.

The references listed above were cited by the German Examiner in counterpart German patent application 101 12 720.0 (MPEP \$2001.06(a)).

An English language abstract (JP 2000225385) is attached to the enclosed copy of DE 199 03 986.

DE 299 458 and DD 301 726, cited by the International Examiner in the Search Report, were also cited by the German examiner.

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2,921,031	Scherr	Jan 12, 1960
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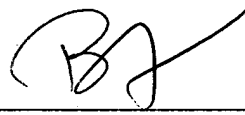
Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

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Respectfully submitted,



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